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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The Director said that he intended to precipitate a meeting within the next few days on the subject of the possible evacuation of dependents from Saigon. Apparently at the moment the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of State believe that we should not do this because it would show a sign of weakness. The Director thought that just the opposite is true and that we should get the women and children out of Saigon and then roll up our sleeves and win the war.

b. Mr. Helms asked for the Director's views on the possible establishment of a Foreign Service Academy which has apparently been revived by the Department of State. The Director seemed to be lukewarm on the whole idea. He said that he was very much opposed to the Academy if it would be run like West Point or Annapolis. He thought that something like our JOT Program would be satisfactory, however.

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2. John Tietjen telephoned to say that he had received a call from Hank

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Services Division had prepared such a study about a year ago and that he had so advised Hank. (John was obviously a little miffed at what he considered to be TSD's intrusion into this field for which he did not believe them particularly well qualified.)

3. At General Carter's request I discussed with him our summer employment program. (I think that he is very anxious to go ahead with this program but is somewhat fearful of the publicity we might receive.) He asked me to arrange an appointment for him with Chairman Macy of the Civil Service Commission for sometime next week. (This I have done.)

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4. In preparation for a meeting tomorrow at the Department of State growing out of Ambassador Wilkins' telegram suggesting that we consider the complete transfer of all our facilities [REDACTED] I instructed General

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[REDACTED] to take a very strong stand against this move.

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We felt that approximately \$25 million and two years would be required to establish equivalent facilities elsewhere and that, even if war breaks out on [REDACTED] we should stay there and continue operations to some degree. (I reviewed this position with General Carter, who seemed to be in agreement.)

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5. Emmett Echols advised me that they have run into some unforeseen snags in staffing and financing our Recreation Association. I told him that I was anxious to get on with this program and that I would like to discuss this matter with him again sometime soon. H

6. We had what we thought might be a flap on our hands today in the case of a DD/P employee, [REDACTED], who was supposed to have arrived in New York City on 8 February but nothing had been heard from him. We did not know that he had actually left [REDACTED] until a dispatch was received on 18 February. [REDACTED] was later found, however, (This case re-emphasizes the necessity of amending our regulations and other procedures in accordance with the Inspector General's recent survey on personnel security, and I have insisted that this be done forthwith.)

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7. Emmett Echols discussed with me what we could say to prospective employers in the case of [REDACTED] wants to make a clean breast of his misdeeds with any prospective employer and wants us to do likewise. I agreed with Emmett that we could say to a prospective employer that with the exception of this one incident, which he had not held back on, [REDACTED] had done an outstanding job through the years and that those who knew him intimately in the Agency were greatly shocked at his recent indiscretions. We could say that we would certainly like to see him have another chance to rehabilitate himself, but we must definitely stop short of recommending him to any prospective employer.

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